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A SHORT REVIEW.

Honest John's Methods of Trout Culture.

His Methods Included Both Fly and Tackle—All Were Fish Which Came to His Net.

Honest John does not take an honest view of the fish question, and I wish to show you that his position toward the Flat Brook Club is not fair. His distortion of facts bearing on their interests, and his inconsistency in the premises deserves rebuke. I will show you that the club has dealt generously with him in the past, and been very lenient with his folly in later days. After the club had built their ponds they agreed to pay a regular price for trout, to stock them with, and this price was fixed according to size of the trout, from ten cents to one dollar each. These same were paid to all who brought them trout. Samuel Smith, the veteran fish man, sold a large trout weighing two pounds to the club for one dollar. Nicholas Merring sold them trout from his private pond, for a round price; John Bauer sold them trout from his spring, and Abram Rutan from his own brook, and so with many others who took their trout from their own springs, brooks or ponds and received value therefor. These were legitimate transactions as were the actions of the club in every case. But when Honest John (who in this case is not honest at all) who didn't own a foot of trout stream, begins to sell the club trout, what are you going to think of him. Just stop, and think one minute, right here; this man had no trout, yet squired Sussex and Pike counties for them, and caught them wherever he could, even spending two days back as far as Porters Lake on the Saw Creek, 15 miles back. He sold the club more trout than any other one man. More even than the notorious Cass Howell and Ed Layton both, and took the clubs good money for them. How do I know it? The books of the Flat Brook club will show it, and he dare not deny it. Why did the club not show this up before? Because they did not think a man so deep in the mire could be such a fool as to keep up his misrepresentations and attacks on the club. And yet this man who lives in a glass house sets himself up as a pattern of morality, joins the church, and condemns the club. He who received the clubs good money, and lots of it for trout, and didn't own a trout. Just think of it. It would be just as right now, as it was then, provided he was getting his share of the filthy lucre. The club has always occupied a legitimate position. They wanted trout, and they paid for them when brought them. They hired no one to steal them, nor could they always institute inquiries as to whether those who brought them were the legitimate owners of them. That man should steal trout, and bring them was not their fault. Those who did should have held their peace; but it is better as it is perhaps, for "when rogues fall out, 'honest' men sometimes get their dues." As I have told you before, this man will not bear close acquaintance, and the more you know of him the less you will be able to think of him. It is hard to brush aside facts, and these are hard, stubborn facts. If the club were as anxious as he seems to be, to adopt the policy of "giving tit for tat, you shoot my dog, I'll shoot your cat," they could, and would publish some very interesting facts about Honest John's connection with the trout business that would be much more interesting for his neighbors than it would for himself. In the words of Honest John "we shall see what we shall see."

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—Laters and the Great Eastern Fertilizers at W. & G. Mitchell's.

A Progressive Enchre Party.

The guests at the Crissman House enjoyed progressive enchre Wednesday evening. There were ten prizes besides consolations for every body who needed bracing after disappointment. The winners were Mr. Felton who announced at the beginning that like the heathen Chinoe it was a game he did not understand, but like that gentleman celebrated in song, the way he played it was a caution to William. Mr. Hallenbeck got the second, while Mrs. Kimball was successful in obtaining the first and Miss Mearns the second ladies prize.

PERSONAL.

Mr. Thomas Bradford of Shohola was at the county seat last week.

Lucy Gordon will teach the Orben school in Dingenan township.

David Hecker, of Newfoundland received an additional pension Aug. 5.

Evi S. Dingman of Scranton, Pa., was granted an original pension Aug. 3rd.

Mrs. Janet of New York is visiting the family of John H. Ryder on Water street.

Isaac Andrus caught a five-pound black bass Tuesday near the ferry at Dingenan.

S. W. Curtright of Chicago, Ill., spent a few days in Milford recently calling on friends.

Will Ryder with his wife and Miss Nellie Westfall visited acquaintances here this week.

Mr. Alonzo Klein of Brooklyn N. Y., spent a few days in Milford and Pond Eddy recently.

Miss R. B. Gamble of New York and Ella Kipp of Milford are visiting in Palmyra and Greene.

Mrs. J. C. Chamberlain who had been visiting friends in Port Jervis returned home the first of the week.

Hon. Chas. H. Winfield, ex-District Attorney, of Jersey City, with his family is sojourning in Milford.

Hon. John D. Biddis, after spending a three weeks' vacation here, returned to his duties at Washington last Sunday.

J. A. Johnson and friend J. L. Coyne of Chicago are visiting Mrs. S. A. Beach on Harford street for a few days.

S. W. Finger and family of Lambertville, N. J., have been visiting at his mother's on Harford street for several days.

John Marsch tax collector of Greene accompanied by Samuel Hopps was at the county seat Monday on business.

Frank Royce, Christian Lehde and T. R. J. Klein attended the National Encampment G. A. R. at Buffalo this week.

D. D. Rosencrance, who takes the dust from no one, not even a whoalmann, was in town Monday, driving his thoroughbred.

Alfred J. Gilchrist a prominent lawyer and politician of Brooklyn with his wife spent several days in Milford this week.

Mrs. S. G. Van Der Beck of Hackensack, N. J., is with her family visiting at the home of her father, E. Warner on Broad street.

E. R. Searing of Dover, N. J., who has been the guest of Evi Shimer for the past week returned home Wednesday—Port Jervis Union.

Joseph Drake with a friend rode from Scranton here on a tandem last week, after visiting friends a few days they returned home by rail.

John M. Heitzmann, manufacturer of wood, wire and zinc signs, of Brooklyn, N. Y., is visiting at the home of Matthias Heitzmann, of Matamoras.

Mrs. Richard Blizard and daughter, Bessie of Philadelphia after spending a few weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Berthoud returned home this week.

Governor Hastings, while visiting Supreme Court Judge George B. Orsly, at Huntington, sprained one of his ankles which confined him to the house for several days.

James Hanners of Delaware township while returning from Port Jervis on Wednesday in some way badly hurt the first finger of his left hand. It appeared as though it had been mashed. Dr. Emerson dressed the injured member, and Jim will probably part company with a piece of it before it heals.

A pleasant progressive enchre party was given at the Homestead last Saturday night. The prizes were: First ladies' a Milford souvenir spoon, and first gentleman's a silver ash tray, which were captured by Mrs. J. H. Van Ethen and Mr. A. D. Brown respectively. Both the second prizes, a briar root pipe and a bottle of Colgate were taken by Mr. Wigman and his wife.

WANTED—At once, a good girl to do general housework. Apply to N. R. Hopkins, Branchville, N. J.—Staeg 25

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SCHOOL FUND ALLOTMENT.

Important Opinion on the Method of Distribution.

Deputy Attorney General Elkin has prepared, for the information of the Department of Public Instruction, an important opinion upon the question of the duties of the department in the preparation of blanks required by the Smith-Merrick bill, passed by the last Legislature, fixing a method of distributing the public school appropriation.

"One-third of the entire amount of the appropriation," Mr. Elkin says, "is to be distributed on the basis of the number of paid teachers in each district; one-third on the number of school children and the balance on the basis of the taxables. Your department is already in possession of the information, so far as the number of paid teachers employed in each district is concerned, and the number of taxables as returned by the last assessment.

"It is necessary that you should be furnished with authentic and official information as to the number of school children, between the ages of six and sixteen years, in order that a distribution of the school fund may be made in compliance of the new law. The act of assembly provides the method for securing this information. It is made the duty of the local assessors in the several wards, boroughs and townships to make an enrollment of the school children of the ages indicated at the time of making their regular assessment. In order to carry into effect the provisions of the act it is necessary to have proper blanks prepared and furnish them to the county commissioners before they issue their orders to assessors the second Monday of September."

The Burgess Disapproval.

Efforts have been directed by the Town Council toward the purchase of the glen, and resolutions passed by that body were voted by the Burgess as has been reported heretofore in the Press. These resolutions were passed over the veto and in furtherance of the scheme, whatever it is, bonds were prepared and submitted to Burgess Swenizer for his approval, who gives below his reasons for not approving them.

TO THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILFORD.

GENTLEMEN:—I hereby return bonds proposed to be issued by you under resolution passed July 7, 1897, and statement filed with the clerk of the quarter sessions of the County of Pike, July 29, 1897, without my approval for the following reasons, viz: First, I have not been allowed to examine the proposed deal from Mrs. Mott to the Borough for piece of land about to be purchased, or the contract mentioned in the preamble to your said resolution of July 7, 1897, that I may be informed to what extent, or how the Borough is protected or interested in said contract. I deem this important as from all the information I now have, no such contract exists, and the piece of land now to be conveyed to the Borough by Mrs. Mott and to raise the money to pay for which these bonds are to be issued, is valueless for any purpose required by said Borough of Milford without the balance of said glen, and the Borough rights in this contract should be carefully protected, and the attorney for the Borough is also an attorney for a relative of Mrs. Mott. Second, the bonds presented to me are not in the form as stated in above mentioned statement filed. While I regret not being able to comply with the request of your honorable body I feel it my privilege to be fully informed on the above subject and satisfied that this entire transaction is legal and entirely free from trick, device or fraud, before I can approve the bonds you desire to issue. Respectfully,

GEO. A. SWEPZER, Chief Burgess

August 25, 1897.

OBITUARY.

MRS. MARY YEAGER.

Mrs. Mary Yeager wife of Alfred Yeager of Philadelphia, who has been visiting this county for a number of years and who experienced great benefit in health thereby, died at the home of her cousin, Geo. A. Swepzer on Broad street Thursday evening Aug. 19, of consumption aged 44 years. The disease was hereditary but her annual sojourn in the pure air of this vicinity proved very beneficial, and probably tended to prolong her life. Her husband and two children, Florence and Howard survive her. The remains were taken to Philadelphia Saturday last for interment.

BRIEF MENTION.

Schools in the Borough will open Monday Aug. 30th.

The Monroe county fair will be held September 7th to 11th.

The Manitoba wheat yield is estimated at 16 1/2 bushels per acre.

The Firemen's picnic and dance was held Wednesday at Raymond's kill, and was well attended.

If the weather is fair, the usual service may be expected at the Saw-kill school house next Sabbath August 29th at 2:30 p. m.

It is to be "unstable" down in Lancaster county when one drows over \$2,000 as costs, not including witness—a large progressive enchre party was held at the Bluff House Wednesday evening. There were nine tables of players.

Prof. John C. Watson and family who have spent the summer vacation with friends in Dover, N. J., returned home Wednesday.

Services will be held in the Reformed Church at Hainesville, N. J. at 10:30 Sunday morning and at 7:30 evening Aug. 23.

Mother Goose met a very kind reception at Brown's Hall last evening. The entertainment comprised tableaux interspersed with music.

The seventh annual reunion of the Mount Retirement Alumni Association will be held on the Seminary grounds on Labor Day September 6th.

Walter J. Langan, of South Bethlehem, was indicted, in the United States District Court last week for using the mails for fraudulent purposes.

The Methodist Sunday school had its annual picnic at Raymond's-kill yesterday, and the Presbyterians are enjoying one at the same place today.

Henry Labar, a lumberman of Middle Smithfield, was bitten by a copperhead snake last week. It was concealed under a stick which he wished to lift. He is recovering.

The Catholic concert and fair at Brown's Hall Tuesday evening was very largely attended. A dance concluded the festivities in which many participated. The proceeds were about \$150.

Rev. F. W. Baker, pastor of the Dauphin Presbyterian Church at Harrisburg, while at a picnic was picking up a stick when he was bitten by a copperhead snake. The result of the bite is yet in doubt.

Augustus J. Carter a farm hand employed by Ludwig Laux was drowned in the Navesink river opposite Port Jervis last Sunday morning while bathing. He could not swim and unfortunately got in deep water.

The Lolands, of New York, proprietors of the Inn at High Point and certain officials of the N. Y. S. & W. R. R. are negotiating for Sparta mountain, with the design of erecting a large summer hotel on the summit.

Three men were swept over Niagara Falls last Saturday. They were sailing above the rapids and lost control of their boat. They were Warren Bush and Charles Giesner of Chicago and Frank Weber of Buffalo.

Uncle Tom's Cabin is billed for tomorrow at Milford. The tent will be near the Farmers' Hotel on Harford street. There is a large troupe of players, and patrons are promised an excellent entertainment.

Charles Ott, near Conemaugh, is making extensive improvements on his place in the way of building. A new house is in course of erection and the outbuildings have been thoroughly repaired. Chris Herman is the carpenter in charge.

Reports from all sections of the county indicate that the potato crop will be short and that better prices will prevail. Drouth, bugs and blight have injured the crop so that the average condition Aug. 1st, this year is 73, as against 89 last year.

B. B. Chase of Matamoras has a miniature steam engine of his own invention, which runs a peanut roaster and 30 bushels an hour in its capacity. He showed the work in parts to a Press representative. It is wonderfully ingenious and worth going to see.

About midnight on Monday James Golden of New York broke open the cash register in Jacob Bauers Erio Hotel in Port Jervis and took out some \$17. He was pursued, caught and sent up to Albany for six months, only seven dollars were recovered.

At the Republican primary election held in Monroe, Aug. 14th, Theo. Y. Hoffman was nominated for associate judge; N. B. Demund, jury commissioner; N. S. Brittain, delegate to State Convention, and Robert Brown, county chairman. There being no strife, a light vote was polled.

The weather during the past week has been too cool for corn generally, and in some parts of the country the frost line was closely approached. The outlook for that crop is not encouraging. Potatoes in New England are almost a failure and the crop in the country does not promise well. Few states report them as in good condition.

In its ancient history the Sussex Register notes that Nov. 13, 1847: "Charles Probasco advertised a rope ferry across the Delaware to Milford 10 rods above the site of the old bridge, and January 7, 1848, Daniel W. Dingman, Jr. aged about 52 died at Dingenan Chichester from the effects of being thrown upon the back of the chair on which he was standing and endeavoring to hang up a pair of boots. Death came after 52 hours of intense suffering.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Recorded in the Office of the Recorder Since Our Last Issue.

Westfall, Gabriel Halstead and wife to Gilbert B. Rumay dated Aug. 21. Lot on Biddis street con. \$1500, ent'd Aug. 21.

Palmyra, Curtis Huff to Martha E. Huff, dated June 9th, 49 acres, con. \$1,500, ent'd Aug. 24th.

Reflections on the Primary.

The Democratic party of this county has again demonstrated its appreciation of the eternal fitness of things by its nomination of a candidate for jury commissioner.

"Dory" neglected his opportunity. The Press urged him to shy his candidate in the ring of Democratic candidates but he failed to heed his friendly offices. His party knows the tree which will make shingles, and "Dory" could not have failed of being blazed.

Albert evidently did not understand how to port his helm. He struck a snag instead of the landing. We predicted that several Democratic scalps would be taken last Saturday. "Lon" has them attached to his belt and on exhibition.

"Chris" may not look quite so pretty as he did, but by Jockey, he knows a heap more about Democratic primaries.

We admire the pluck of the fellows who ran up against a Dingman township politician, but we have no respect for their discretion.

The late primary it is reported has set several gentlemen sharpening their knives, and the grindstone is making a music which may be interpreted later on without the aid of a German dictionary.

Pike For Free Silver.

At a meeting of the Democratic County Committee held Aug. 24, a resolution was presented and unanimously passed, indorsing the Chicago platform and requesting Hon. J. J. Hart delegate to the State Convention to oppose all measures and men in opposition to that sentiment.

The Press has labored under the impression that Mr. Hart would be a Harriety man, and if he is or was sincerely so, this resolution places him in direct opposition to a gentleman who has heretofore been his friend. Of course we cannot advise Mr. Hart under the circumstances, but it would seem that either the committee doubted the sincerity of his free silver advocacy last year, his attachment to Mr. Harriety, and the two positions do seem inconsistent, and it determined not to trust him in the convention without instruction. We wonder on which side Mr. Hart's heart really is, and whether it is on the left side now.

LOST—Saturday night August 21st between Delaware Water Gap and Schanno's, a flat pocketbook with small clasp containing about \$5 and a change laundry ticket. Finder will be liberally rewarded by leaving same at Schanno's hotel.—18974

A lot of new straw and felt hats at W. & G. Mitchell's.

AMONG THE HOTELS.

A List of Recent Arrivals at the Various Hotels and Resorts in Milford and Vicinity.

(Proprietors wishing a list of guests published, will please send them in not later than Wednesday evening.)

RIVERSIDE HOUSE, MONTAGUE.

Wm. Froehan, Aug. Fullmer, John Watson, Wm. Loozer, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hoffman of New York City; Miss Dickinson, Mrs. J. J. Post and son, Miss Denton, Mrs. Baker, John C. Auld, Geo. Gray and Edward Baker of Brooklyn, N. Y.

CHRISTIE SQUARE HOTEL.

Daniel Van Why, Harvey Huffman, Stronburg, A. Sharp and wife, R. W. East, Miss Lombard, New York; F. W. Haines, Willamshero, J. W. Corley, Philadelphia; A. L. Conger, Boston.

DIMMICK HOUSE.

Katherine K. Constant, Hoy Ridge, Gretchen E. Sweter, Nellie C. Merritt, Port Chester, New York.

SAWKILL HOUSE.

F. A. Pennington and wife, Philadelphia; Miss Jennie Golt, Baltimore; Frank Platt, Brooklyn; Percy H. Terhune and Miss Terhune, Passaic.

HOTEL SACCHERE.

E. L. Schwartz, M. K. Schwartz, C. E. Spaulding, Chas. L. Hamilton, John Kommer, Philadelphia; Dr. E. W. Hoover, Courser, M. Sylvester, Mrs. J. Maler and niece, Sam Elmory, George J. Stettin, Mrs. J. M. Jacob and wife, Ann Sank, E. K. Sombour and wife, Misses Hammets, Geo. B. McKown, Frank Seaman, wife, two children and governess, A. S. Stogins, New York; Joseph T. Richards and wife, Frank P. Tobey, Laura H. Tobey, F. W. Hammett and wife, P. H. Goldsmith and wife, Dr. E. H. Van Buren, wife and son, Philadelphia; Frances C. Thomas, Orange.

CHESMAN HOUSE.

S. H. Kirkpatrick and wife, Philadelphia; Dr. E. H. Baldwin and wife, Newark; Alex. Henderson, W. H. Karsh, M. Gunderslev, J. W. Harshburger, Miss M. Jones, E. C. Smith, G. C. Kollak, W. Stourenburg, B. C. Fulton, T. R. Sturgeon, M. St. G. Davies, G. H. Harlow, New York; E. F. Weller, Quakertown; George F. Bible, Stroudsburg, Thos. F. Farrell, wife and child, Josephine Montross, Brooklyn; W. E. Condit, Fred Y. Taylor, Middle town; G. W. McCartney, Jas. Bell, Providence; J. C. Hawks and wife, Newark; A. E. Hurke, Dr. D. M. Johnson, Mary and Josephine Suggs, Wm. F. Rittenhouse and wife, Washington; E. J. Collins, Port Jervis.

JARDON HOUSE.

Miss Hauser, Greenville, N. J.; Minnie Golding, New York; William Schlemmer, Otto Schlemmer, Brooklyn.

BLUFF HOUSE.

A. M. Sobu, Annapolis; W. B. Wilson, Jersey City; Walter Penleton, W. H. Malin, J. H. Bise, Ellen Poe, Geo. Kane, Miss M. Brookshus, W. Y. Fischer and wife, H. P. Plante, Harold Clearman, C. P. Gambrell, E. Gambrell, New York; George W. May, W. J. Johnson and wife, Mrs. E. Thill, A. Sullivan and son, M. Thill, Brooklyn; Walter K. Bowne, Trenton; E. C. Smith, Passaic; Misses E. Paul, B. Paul, M. Paul, Miss Matthews, M. Matthews, Peterson, Anna Hanger, Hoboken; H. W. Crooks, T. L. R. Crooks, Newark.

THE HOMESTEAD.

Mr. F. T. Keeler, wife and two children, Mrs. Brooks, Roselle; Mrs. Egerton, Miss Kigerton, Orange; Mrs. S. J. O'Hare and son, Miss Boylan, J. R. Wright, Miss McCall, New York; Mr. Metzger, Newark.

Some Ancient History.

In the "Eagle of the North" printed at Milford March 7, 1825 by T. A. Wells, the following extract of a letter from Harrisburg to the editor dated February 23d appears:

"The Canal Bill came up to-day in committee of the whole, Mr. Binder from Philadelphia in the chair. A motion was made by Mr. Porter, of Lancaster who moved to amend the bill so as to include a canal from the mouth of the Swatara to Columbia, and provide for putting ten miles under contract, which amendment was agreed to.

"Mr. Lehman then addressed the committee in a speech of some length supporting the bill generally, and brought into view the reasoning of the committee on inland navigation on the subject. A motion was then made by Mr. Eldred to further amend the bill by inserting Carpenter's Point as a place of termination of the canal on the Delaware instead of Easton. The amendment was supported by Messrs. Eldred, Ihrie and Mallory was agreed to. No other business of any importance will be acted on until the Canal Bill is passed through the lower house. But it is expected there will be much warm debate over it.

A letter dated March 1st says: "The first section of the Canal Bill passed second reading yesterday. An attempt was made to strike out Carpenter's Point which caused considerable debate but the motion was finally lost.

OUR APOLOGY.

Clear, Concise, Considerate, Complete and Convincing.

A man of great size, say about five feet four or six, and weighing about 150 pounds when in good condition, made a call on us Saturday about 3 o'clock. It was an interesting scene, lasting perhaps five minutes and you may take my word for it, that we were both much relieved when it was over. He was fresh from a meeting with champions of the same feather in the village, and with only about four fingers of the stuff in his gravity cistern. I mean it gets there by gravity, like going down a rat hole. He says, and he (every word weighing a pound) you have put a blemish on my reputation bigger than a persons plaster, you have slandered me in the Pike County Press and if you don't make it right next week you will hear from me sir, in the Port Jervis Gazette. This scared me out of at least one years growth, and so before my hair turns entirely white I hasten to make an ample apology. You know there is nothing mean about me when I go in to make an apology, and if I know anything about how it should be done, then I am going to do this up on a large scale. I hardly know how to begin this job though. How in thunder can I tell where to begin, when he didn't tell me what part of the article he objected to. This is an awful tuff job. You see I haven't much material to work on, and I don't know where to begin. Blamed if I don't most wish he had done with me as he said he would do with Ed. Layton "give him a d-d licking." I begin to think it would have been easier on me, and not very much harder on him. But I told him I would do it, and—hang it, I don't know where to begin; it is almost as bad as smoking my first cigar, and what follows a diet of green apples is heavenly delight to this. But here goes. I want you all to bear witness that if Cass Howell ever stole trout that I said right here that I did not see him do it. And that if he swore that some one else did on a certain date, I cheerfully admit he might have been mistaken on the date. He might have a poor memory for dates, you know. I don't believe he ever lifted a chicken even, unless it was absolutely necessary to his peace of mind, and I want you to bear witness that I think he set it down again. In fact I don't know whether he did or not. I want to be honest in this matter, but I am afraid I am getting mixed up a trifle. It is awful tuff to be lied about, and have people say he will steal trout, or chickens, or any thing he can lay his hands on, and I am not going to hold my peace any longer and see such things laid on a good upright man like Cass Howell. No Sir'ee. He is just as good a man as Honest John, and Honest John is a member of the Reformed church of Peters Valley, and don't you forget it, or more correctly, don't let that fact become so etherealized as to escape your memory. Jupiter knows I am anxious to give them both a good character, and while I admit I have struck a tuff job, hanged if I know how I can make this apology any stronger than I have, and I really hope it will do. I may have, in fact I am almost sure I have a homely way about me, but I am sure you will give me credit for having my heart in the right place, and that is on the left side of me, the right side to you, and with a slight elevation above the diaphragm. If Cass Howell is not satisfied with this, then he would not be pleased if he had the whole earth, and I make a backward bow to him, with a clear conscience of having done my duty by him, like a christian of the first water. H.

Republicans at Harrisburg.

The convention convened yesterday but we are unable to give any of its proceedings at this time. It looks as though a resolution would be introduced to censure the last Legislature, for not passing reform measures, and also one providing that the Republican voters of the State vote their preference for the election of States Senator at the general election in November. If introduced and they should be, they should both be adopted. The Republican party should go to the people on its merits and so should its candidates, and whenever it fails the voters can rectify their mistakes, and so hold it and their representatives to a strict accountability.